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Notice of Abandonment

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Examiner

Jason Daniel Prone

Applicant(s)

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on ____.
- (a) ☐ A reply was received on ____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated ____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of ____ month(s)) which expired on ____.
- (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on ____ but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- (c) ☐ A reply was received on ____ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
- (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on ____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated ____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$____ is insufficient. A balance of \$____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$____.
- (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
- (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on ____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated ____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
4. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☒ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on 31 October 2008 and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

In a telephone message left on January 22, 2009, Mr. Burns notified the examiner that they will not be going forward with the case.

/Jason Daniel Prone/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3724

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.